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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA  
SUBJ: NAMIBIA - FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON PROXIMITY TALKS

REF: USUN 218; USUN 219

1. CAPE TOWN FIVE HAVE RECEIVED RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S  
CONTACT GROUP MEETING AS REPORTED REFTEL AND ARE STANDING  
BY FOR INSTRUCTION TO PROCEED.

2. REGRET TO REPORT THAT SIR DAVID SCOTT IN CONVERSATION  
WITH BRAND FOURIE EARLIER THIS MORNING TOLD HIM THAT HE  
COULD EXPECT AN ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY. I TOLD SIR DAVID  
THIS ACTION WAS PREMATURE AND MOST REGRETTABLE. IT IS  
ESSENTIAL THAT WE OPERATE AS A GROUP OR WE WILL BE  
GIVING WRONG SIGNALS TO SOUTH AFRICANS. SIR DAVID  
APOLOGIZED AND SAID HE WOULD CALL FOURIE TO CORRECT  
WHAT HE HAD SAID.

3. THIS SECOND CONVERSATION BETWEEN SCOTT AND FOURIE  
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PRODUCED AN IMMEDIATE CALL BY FOURIE TO ME. HE  
SAID THAT HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTION FROM BOTHA TO FIND  
OUT WHETHER THERE WOULD BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY.  
THE MINISTER IS UNDER "TREMENDOUS PRESSURE", FOURIE  
SAID, FROM THE PRESS, CABINET AND NATIONAL PARTY  
CAUCUS TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE MEETING. GIVEN  
THE PUBLICITY ON DETAILS OF THE MEETING AND DEALY IN

ANNOUNCEMENT, SPECULATION IS BUILDING UP UNFAVORABLE TO BOTH. ASKED WHAT THIS SPECULATION WAS ABOUT, FOURIE REPLIED THAT THE PRESS IS SUGGESTING THAT AT MEETINGS OVER THE WEEKEND WITH THE CAPE TOWN FIVE THE FOREIGN MINISTER MADE A PROPOSAL WHICH THE NEW YORK FIVE ARE CONSIDERING. HE HAS MADE NO SUCH PROPOSAL AND WISHES TO DENY IT.

4. I TOLD FOURIE I WOULD ADVISE HIM AS SOON AS THE FIVE AMBASSADORS HAD INSTRUCTIONS. FOURIE ASKED WHETHER THEY COULD EXPECT ACTION ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY. I TOLD HIM I WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO SAY AT THIS STAGE BUT EXPECTED TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTION FAIRLY SOON. IN THE MEANTIME I HOPED HE WOULD AVOID SAYING ANYTHING TO THE PRESS THAT WOULD FURTHER CONFUSE PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARD THE PROXIMITY TALKS.  
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